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One the best things about representing the Third District is that it has such a grand variety of communities and geography, including almost all of the San Fernando Valley.

This week we celebrated a new chapter in constituent services with the grand opening of our San Fernando Valley District Office in the beautiful new Zev Yaroslavsky Family Support Center in Van Nuys.

This first-of-its-kind 'one-stop shop' for County services also includes offices for the Departments of Children and Family Services, Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health, Child Support Services, Probation, and Public Social Services.

We had over 200 wonderful service providers, advocates, volunteers and constituents help celebrate, and couldn't be more excited about our new home!

Check Out: Photos of our new Valley District Office

At our meeting on Tuesday, the Board reviewed and adopted the CEO's recommended budget of $28.5 billion for fiscal year 2016-2017. This budget provides critical funding for reforms all across the County. It continues our deep commitment to reducing homelessness, protecting vulnerable children, ensuring constitutional policing in the jails, strengthening wage enforcement and combatting human trafficking.

I was also very proud to include a motion to consider a way to provide up to $650k in funding to update the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan!

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After finalizing the budget, we passed a motion I co-authored with Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas asking for recommendations on how to reform the way the Civil Service Commission oversees disciplinary cases. The Civil Service Commission has come under scrutiny recently after overturning LA County Sheriff's Department decisions to fire several deputies as well as the firing of a Department of Children and Family Services social worker supervisor. We want to look at the qualifications of hearing officers hearing these appeals and the actual power of the Commission to disagree with their decisions.

We also approved Supervisor Hilda Solis' motion introducing a broad wage enforcement ordinance requiring employers to pay qualifying employees no less than the increased County minimum wage. It protects employees against retaliation and establishes fines and penalties for employers' violations.

Read about that and much more in **this week's Board Report**.

At this week's **First 5 LA** Commission meeting, we approved the legislative agenda for 2016 in support of bills related to early learning, home visitation programs and other policies that support our youngest constituents, children ages 0 to 5.

We also approved an impact evaluation of **Welcome Baby**, one of First 5 LA's key investments to provide pregnant women and new moms with information, support and a trusted partner to help them through pregnancy and early parenthood. More broadly, we got a great presentation about measuring outcomes in general -- shifting from a compliance-driven approach to an ongoing learning and evaluation framework.

Finally, we heard from Ted Lempert of **Children Now** about a variety of ways we might measure whether and at what levels our kids are ready for kindergarten and how to best prepare teachers for vastly differing levels of readiness.

Yesterday, I had a great visit with Mission College President Monte Perez and his senior administrative staff, toured the campus and had a wonderful lunch prepared by students in their award winning culinary training program. Many of their students are welfare to work recipients, kids coming out of the juvenile justice system, foster youth, veterans and others for whom the County has some shared responsibilities. We had a wonderful and wide-ranging discussion on all these populations and more over a delicious and perfectly prepared lunch!

This afternoon, I'm off to celebrate the life of the incomparable Bill Rosendahl at a gathering aptly named "Great. Great. Great." in Mar Vista Park. Since his passing, the outpouring of admiring and fond remembrances and support from friends, extended family, electeds, leaders from so many communities, and the countless souls he helped

along the way offer a real insight into the incredible impact Bill leaves behind.

A great **LA Times write-up** from a few years back on Rosendahl quotes him saying "I believe we're just passing through. By the time you die you should have nothing left." Bill certainly gave everything he had to make the lives of everyone around him better. He'll be forever missed, but today we celebrate how fortunate we were to know him as he was passing through.

Have a great week!

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